

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 390 - HB 442**

March 18, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines noncommercial gold mining to mean an act consistent with a hobby or casual use in streams including use on public lands set aside or withdrawn from mineral entry under general permitting conditions. Requires all noncommercial gold mining in Tennessee to either have a Class 1 or Class 2 permit and makes stipulations for each class. Requires a notice-of-intent fee to be submitted to TDEC for Class 2 permits. Prohibits any Class 1 noncommercial gold mining in any stream with a wetted width less than three feet on properties that are owned, leased, or managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Authorizes Class 2 noncommercial gold mining in the South Cherokee National Forest and Wildlife Management Area. Prohibits Class 2 activities on other TWRA lands.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the current general permit fee is \$500 for a five-year permit.
- TDEC has confirmed the department has not collected any mineral prospecting general permit fees as of this date.
- Given that historical collections have been zero, any change to state revenue as a result of this bill is considered not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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